

## **ADVISORY NOTICE to LICENSED BLASTERS KENTUCKY DIVISION OF EXPLOSIVES & BLASTING**

Legislation passed in the 2006 General Assembly has resulted in changes to Kentucky's retraining requirement for licensed blasters. Certified surface coal miners are **no longer** exempt from the 16 hours blaster retraining required in KRS 351.315(4).

KRS 351.315 (4) will now read: Each blaster shall be required to renew his license every three (3) years by application to the department, which application shall be accompanied by a fee. Each applicant for renewal of a Kentucky blaster's license shall furnish proof that during the preceding three (3) years, he has attended a minimum of sixteen (16) hours of blaster's training approved by the department. Each applicant for renewal of a limited Kentucky blaster's license shall furnish proof that during the preceding three (3) years, he has attended a minimum of four (4) hours of blaster's training approved by the department.

This law will become effective July 15, 2006, and the requirement for certified surface coal miners to obtain 16 hours of blaster retraining will be phased in over a two-year period. Certified surface coal miners renewing their blasters licenses on or after **July 15, 2007** must show proof that they have attended at least **eight (8) hours** of the required blaster training sometime during the previous 36 months and show proof they are a certified surface coal miner.

Certified surface coal miners renewing their Kentucky blaster's licenses after **July 15, 2008** must show proof of **sixteen (16) hours** of blaster's training during the preceding 36 months and no credit for certified surface coal miner training will be allowed.

It is the blaster's responsibility to provide proof of retraining at the time of license renewal, and therefore it is important that a blaster keep copies of all his re-training documents, such as certificates of attendance or training completion forms. Copies of these forms must be submitted when requesting renewal of your blasters license.

The Division of Explosives and Blasting will teach retraining courses throughout the year at locations across the state. In addition, formal training classes or seminars on blasting and explosives taught by a recognized authority and/or sponsoring agency will also count toward the 16 hours of retraining. If you have any question about whether a seminar or conference would be acceptable as blaster re-training hours, please contact the Division prior to attending the training.

Seminars and/or classes that are approved for fulfilling this retraining requirement are included on the attached table. This is only a partial list, if there is a class that you think may qualify or one that you would like to have added to this list, contact the Division of Explosives & Blasting at (502) 573-0140.

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Coleman England, Director

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## APPROVED SEMINARS & CLASSES FOR KENTUCKY BLASTER RETRAINING

All courses taught by the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing Division of Explosives and Blasting Various dates & locations throughout Kentucky	To be put on a mailing list to be notified of classes, Contact: Coleman England (502) 573-0140 e-mail: <a href="mailto:Coleman.England@ky.gov">Coleman.England@ky.gov</a>
August 3-4, 2006 MSHA Western Mine Blasting Safety and Application Seminar Denver, CO USA	Contact: Wayne Lively   <a href="mailto:lively.wayne@dol.gov/">lively.wayne@dol.gov/</a>
International Society of Explosives Engineers January 28-31, 2007 ISEE 33rd Annual Conference Nashville, TN USA	Contact: Lynn Mangol (440) 349-4004 e-mail: <a href="mailto:mangol@isee.org">mangol@isee.org</a>
Detonation Safety Engineering 121 Cherrywood Drive Lexington, KY Various dates and locations throughout US	Contact: Larry Schneider (859) 312-0625 <a href="mailto:lschneider@insightbb.com">lschneider@insightbb.com</a>
Certain Seminars/Quarterly Meetings held by Bluegrass Chapter of the ISEE Various dates & locations throughout Eastern & Central KY	Contact: Ralph King (859) 582-0473 <a href="mailto:reking@ralphedwardkingimages.com">reking@ralphedwardkingimages.com</a>
Certain Seminars/Quarterly Meetings held by Tristate Chapter of the ISEE Evansville, IN & other locations Various dates	Contact: Seth Burns (270) 925-3750 <a href="mailto:sburns@midlandpowder.com">sburns@midlandpowder.com</a>
International Society of Explosives Engineers Various meetings throughout the US	Calendar of Events <a href="http://www.isee.org/calendar.htm">http://www.isee.org/calendar.htm</a>
April 19 - 21, 2006 19th Annual Best in the West Drill and Blast Conference Parkway Plaza Convention Center Casper, WY USA	Contact: Contacts: Terry Cook   <a href="mailto:tcCook@daveybickfordusa.com">tcCook@daveybickfordusa.com</a> Kerry Harnish   <a href="mailto:kmharnish@fiberpipe.net">kmharnish@fiberpipe.net</a> Charlie Brumbaugh   <a href="mailto:charlie.brumbaugh@crazyhorse.org">charlie.brumbaugh@crazyhorse.org</a>

